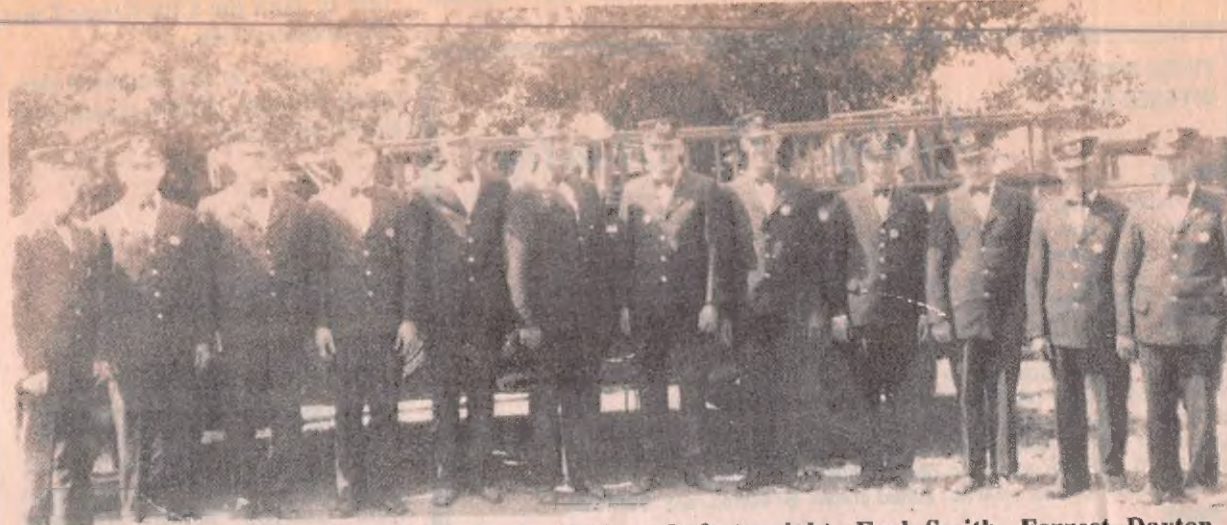


# Heber Fire Department Lists Seasonal Guidelines

9 Nov 1988 Wave



Heber Firemen with Mack Fire Truck, 1937 — Left to right, Earl Smith, Forrest Dayton, Bill Horner, Ralph Giles, Mont Giles (in truck), Lee Holdaway, Earl Clyde, Virgil Fraughton, Frank Hardy, R. R. "Dusty" Carlile, Joseph Olpin, Owen Buell and Archie Buys.

With the chill of autumn about us, citizens are turning to various sources of heat to make their homes warm and comfortable. The Fire Department urges all homeowners to not overlook the safety factors involved when we use auxiliary heating systems. Here is a list of guidelines to help reduce the risk of house fires during the heating season.

Before you ever light a fire in your fireplace/stove, have the chimney cleaned and inspected. Cresote buildup on the side walls of the chimney is responsible for 85-

90 percent of all fires related to heating systems. If the chimney is used often, it should be checked for cresote buildup every 60 days during the heating season.

Always keep the fireplace screen in place and when lighting a wood-burning stove/fireplace make sure the flue is open.

All ashes should be stored in metal containers away from combustibles. Preferably outside.

Check or install a smoke detector in every level of the house. In the State of Maryland, one county, with a population of 680,000 peo-

ple have reduced their home fire deaths by 62 percent since 1978, with the use of smoke detectors. In that County, it is mandatory that every residence have a detector. At least once each year, the battery on battery operated detectors should be replaced and should be checked for operation every 30 days.

Home furnaces should be inspected yearly, and furnace areas kept free of clutter and combustibles.

Every home should have a fire extinguisher handy and every family member should be familiar with its

use.

In an effort to reserve some of the heritage of the local Fire Department, the firemen have restored the 1935 Mack Pumper Truck to its original condition, and at the present time, they are restoring a two-wheeled cart used to fight fires in the early years of this century.

The members of the Department are presently collecting photos, uniforms, badges, trophies or any memorabilia of past year's of Fire Department history to be placed in the display booths at the City Office building. If anyone has an item relating to this history that they would like to have considered for this display, please contact one of the local firemen.

The firemen wish to extend their thanks to the citizens of our County for their support on the recent fund drive. Community support is the strength of any Fire Department.